Draft for Eleventh Plan

†1303. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft of Eleventh Five Year Plan has been finalised;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that finalisation of the document of this plan has been delayed by almost six months; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto and the reasons for the delay in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The draft of the Eleventh Five Year Plan is under finalization.

(c) and (d) Since baseyears' actuals become available only in the 1st or 2nd quarter of the 1st year of a Plan, normally Five Year Plans get finalized only in the 3rd or 4th quarters of the first year. The Tenth Five Year Plan was finalized on 21.12.2002 and was sent to the Parliament after approval of NDC on 20.3.2003. In this backdrop, Eleventh Plan has not been delayed.

Report of Shri R.P. Pachauri

1304. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alarming contents of the Report prepared by Shri R. P. Pachauri, that "by end of century, there would be water scarcity for about 3 billion people, food scarcity for about 600 million people, coastal flooding would hit nearly 7 million homes"; and

(b) if so, whether a holistic action plan is being conceived by India, in co-ordination with other nations so that such a situation could be averted over a period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Dr. R. K. Pachauri, Director General of The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) is the Chairman of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which has submitted its three Working Group Reports recently. These Reports provide a global assessment of observed climate change, climate processes and estimates of projected/future climate change, impacts of climate change on natural, managed and human systems and their vulnerability etc. and provide findings at the continental level. No specific findings in respect of any country including India, have been provided in these Reports.

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